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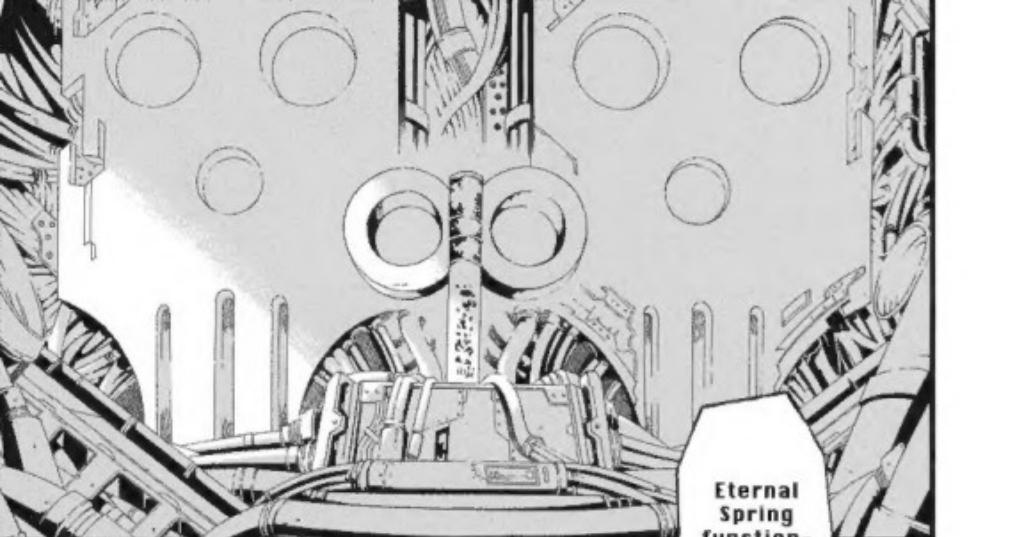
**Stand up,  
DWMA,  
fight against  
the insanity**

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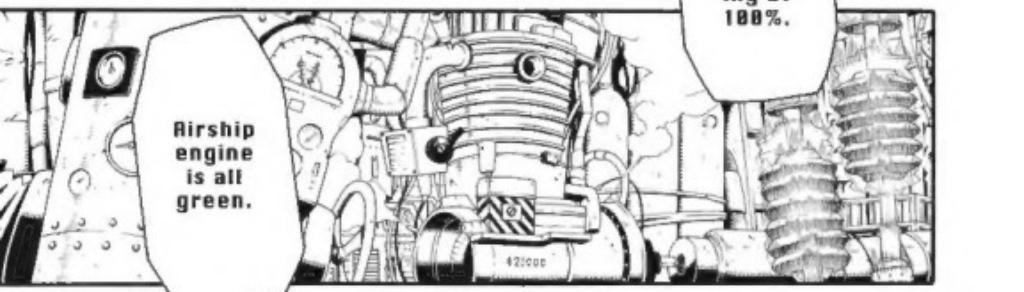


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Eternal  
Spring  
function-  
ing at  
100%.



Airship  
engine  
is all  
green.



WAIT!!  
WE CAN'T  
LEAVE  
THE REST  
BEHIND!!



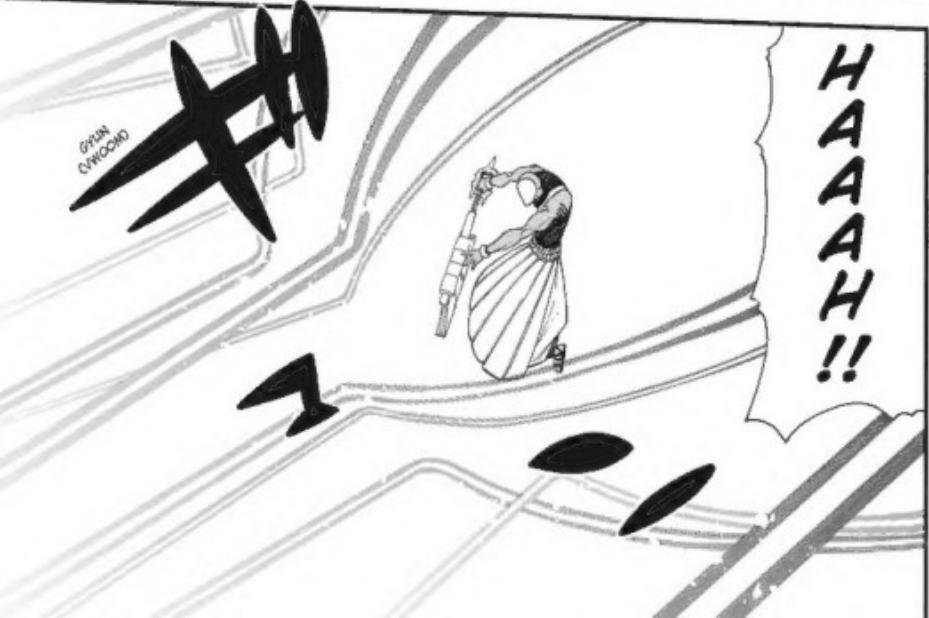
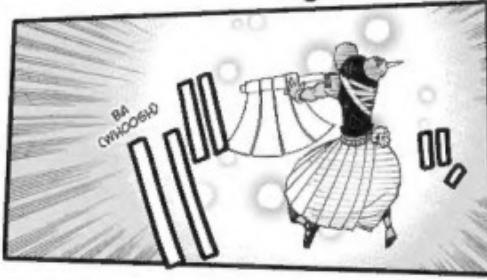
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WARRIOR

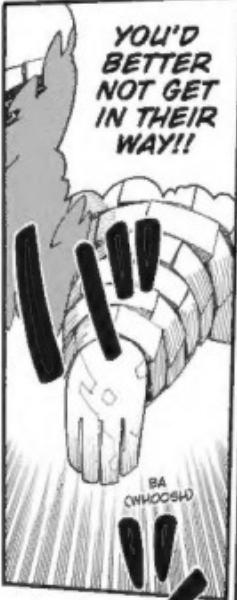
T-minus  
five to  
takeoff.

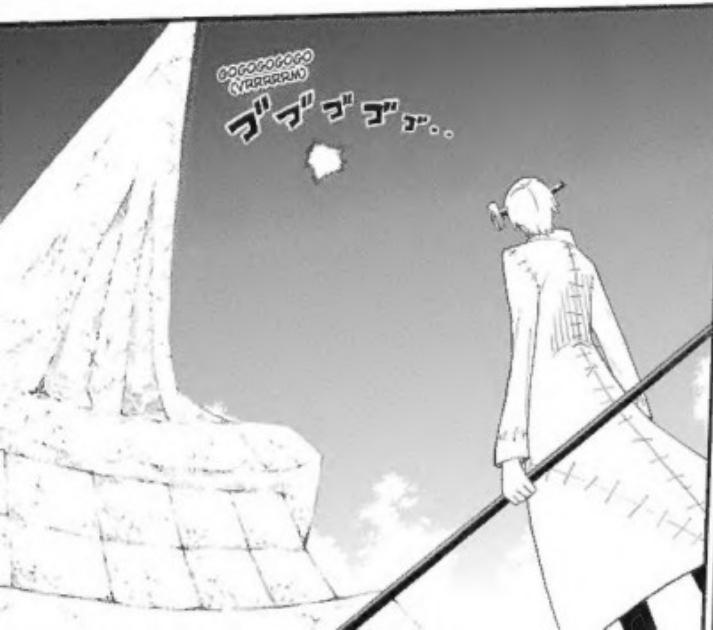


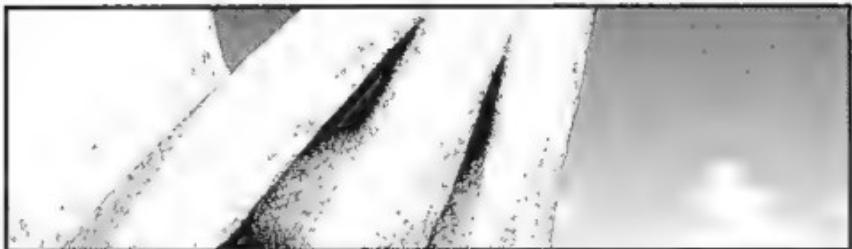
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CHAPTER 98: WITCH TRIAL

















DA  
COASHD



BA  
(ZOO)



DWMA GIRLS' SHOWER ROOM



THE TEAM  
GOING TO  
THE WITCH  
REALM IS:  
KID, KIM,  
ERUKA,  
FREE, RISA,  
ARISA.



YES,  
SIR.



YOU  
SHOULD  
PROBABLY  
GO  
UNARMED  
SO YOU  
DON'T  
UPSET THE  
WITCHES.



THERE'RE A FEW  
THINGS YOU SHOULD  
KNOW ABOUT THE  
WITCH REALM. IT'S  
IN A SEALED SPACE  
CONTAINED BY MABA-  
SAMA'S SPATIAL  
MAGIC.



WE'LL HAVE TO  
OPEN THE GATE TO  
THAT WORLD, BUT  
IT'S A RULE THAT  
THE GATE MUST NOT  
BE SHOWN TO ANY  
NON-WITCH.

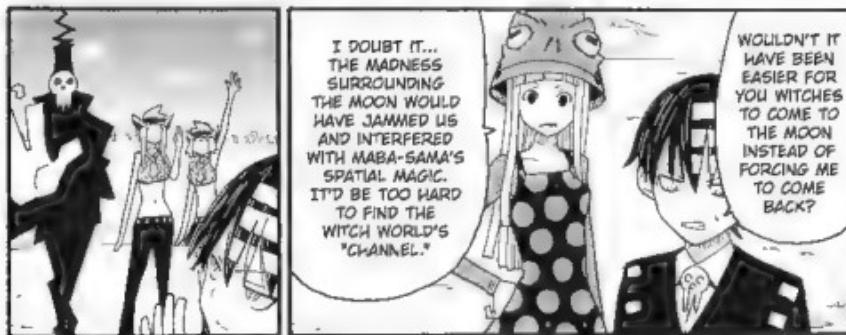
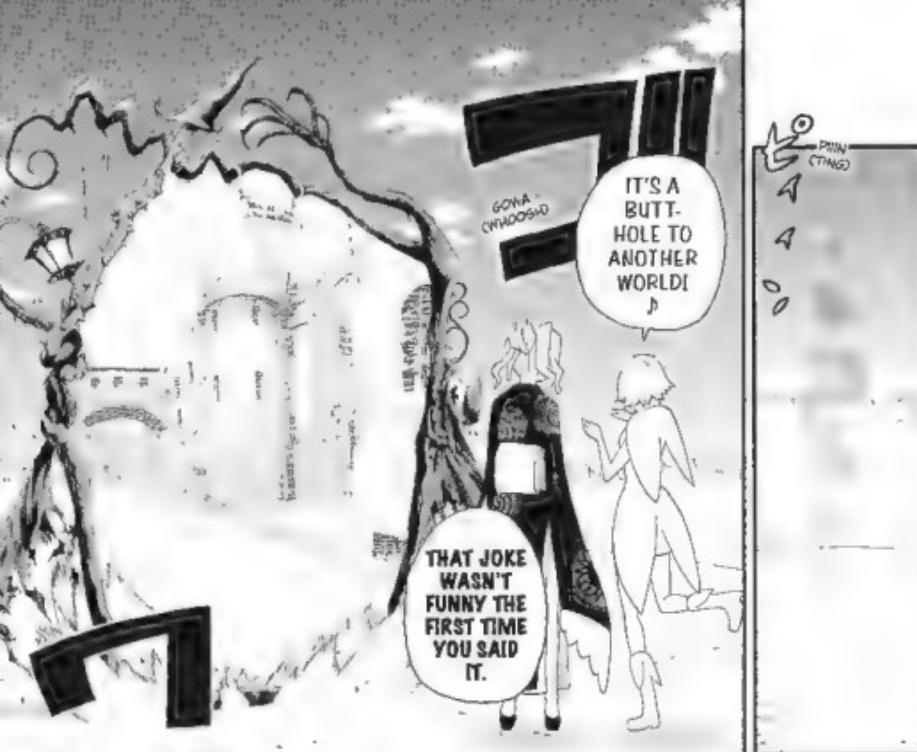
A SHINI-  
GAMI AND A MONKEY?  
THIS IS THE  
WORST...

YOU  
SHUT  
UP.











THIS  
LARGE-SCALE  
SOUL PROTECT  
WE'RE TRYING  
FOR WOULD  
BE NEARLY  
IMPOSSIBLE  
WITHOUT  
HER HELP.

MABA-SAMA'S  
MAGIC TWISTS  
SPACE SO THAT  
NOTHING  
OUTSIDE CAN  
REACH OUR  
WORLD.





THE  
WITCH  
COURT  
IS NOW  
IN SES-  
SION!

KONON  
COUNUND



NYA-  
MI.



JOMA  
JOMA  
WACHI  
SUCHI!!

JOMA  
JOMA  
WACHI  
SUCHI!!

JOMA  
JOMA  
WACHI  
SUCHI!!

KILL THE  
TRAITORS  
TO WITCH-  
KIND!!

DEATH  
TO THE  
SHINI-  
GAMI!!

BURN  
THEM  
AT THE  
STAKE!  
SEE HOW  
THEY  
LIKE IT!!



...













**KNOCK  
IT OFF  
ALREADY  
!!!**



...BUT IT  
IS YOUR  
OWN  
FAULT.

I KNOW  
I WAS  
BEING A  
LITTLE  
MEAN...  
S...  
SORRY.



I COULD  
MAKE  
EVERYONE  
HERE  
DISAPPEAR  
IF I  
CHOSE  
TO.

THIS  
WEIGHT ON  
MY LEGS  
MEANS  
NOTHING.

IF I  
WANTED  
TO LINDO  
THESE  
BONDS,  
IT WOULD  
TAKE AN  
INSTANT.







IF YOUR DESIRE IS TO BLOW THINGS UP, THERE ARE PLACES THAT REQUIRE EXPLOSIVES FOR PRODUCTIVE EFFORTS.

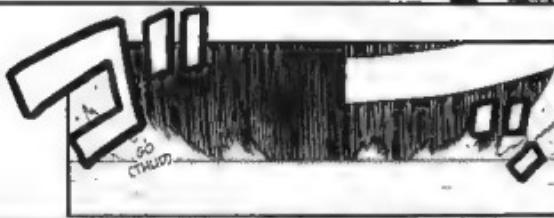


...BUT WE ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO HAVE SHARED A MOMENT OF STEAMY SKINSHIP.



HOW LOW YOU HAVE FALLEN...





AT THIS  
VERY  
MOMENT,  
ORDER IS  
TRYING TO  
TRANSFORM  
INTO  
SOMETHING  
NEW!! WE  
CANNOT  
ALLOW  
IT TO BE  
DESTROYED  
BY THE  
KISHIN'S  
MADNESS!!



THE IDEAL  
THAT I  
SEEK MUST  
INCLUDE  
THE POWER  
OF THE  
WITCHES!!

WITCHES  
ARE  
STRONG,  
WISE,  
PROUD,  
AND  
BEAUTI-  
FUL!!

NOW  
YOU ARE  
THE ONLY  
ONES  
WHO CAN  
SAVE IT!!

DWMA'S  
SOLDIERS  
ARE  
FIGHTING  
ON THE  
MOON  
AS WE  
SPEAK!!

TO  
PROTECT  
OUR  
WORLD  
AND  
EVERY-  
THING  
WE HOLD  
DEAR!!

**PLEASE,  
LEND  
YOUR AID  
TO OUR  
HUMBLE  
CAUSE,  
THAT YOU  
MIGHT  
GUIDE OUR  
AMATEUR-  
ISH FUM-  
BLING!!**



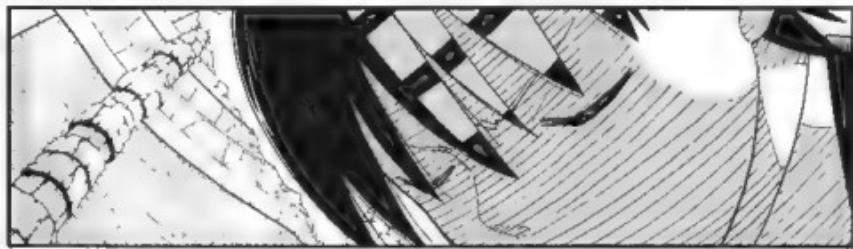
**BEGGING ON  
HANDS AND  
KNEES WILL  
NOT CHANGE  
A THING!  
OUR HATRED  
WILL NOT BE  
CONTAINED!!**

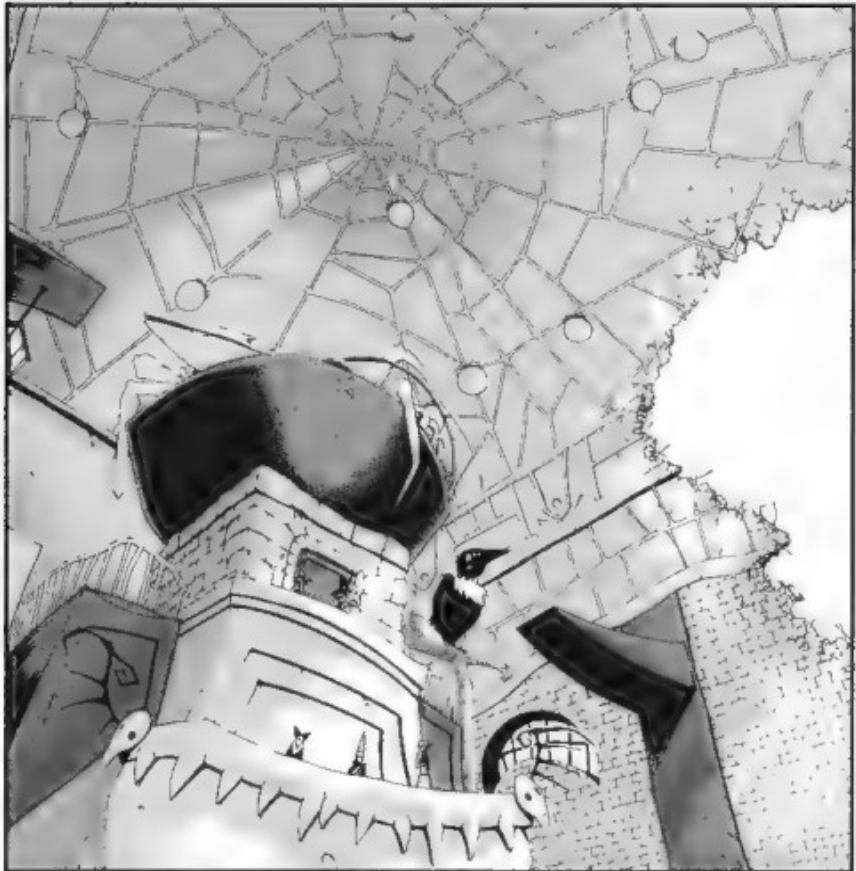


"BAA"  
CROWD

NYAMU!!

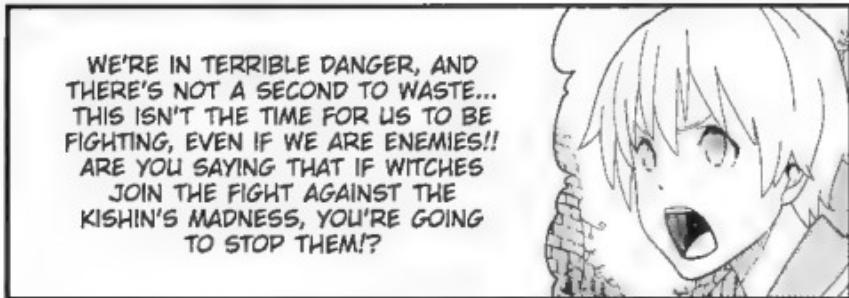
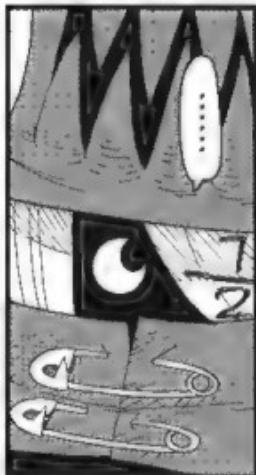
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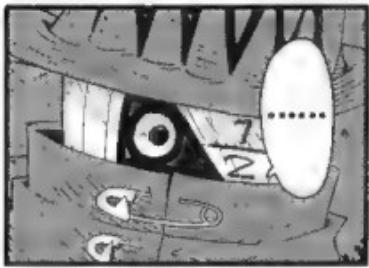


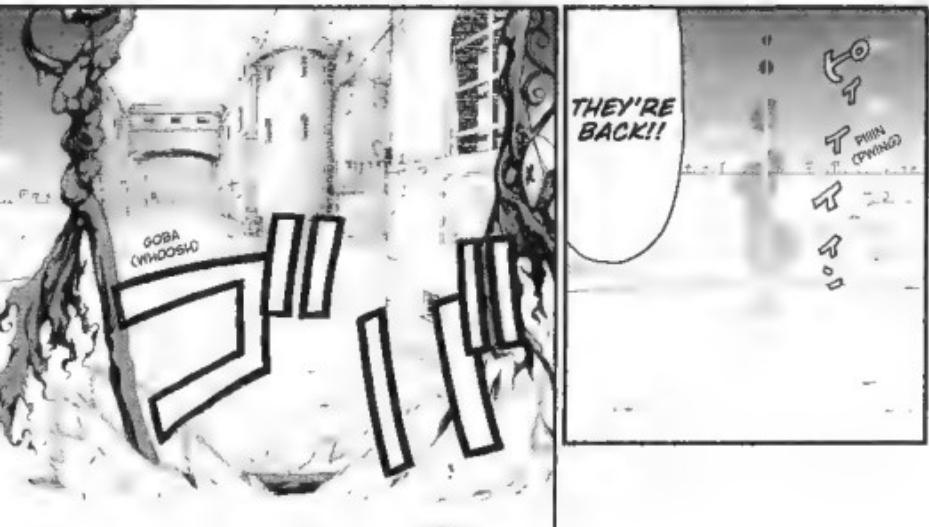


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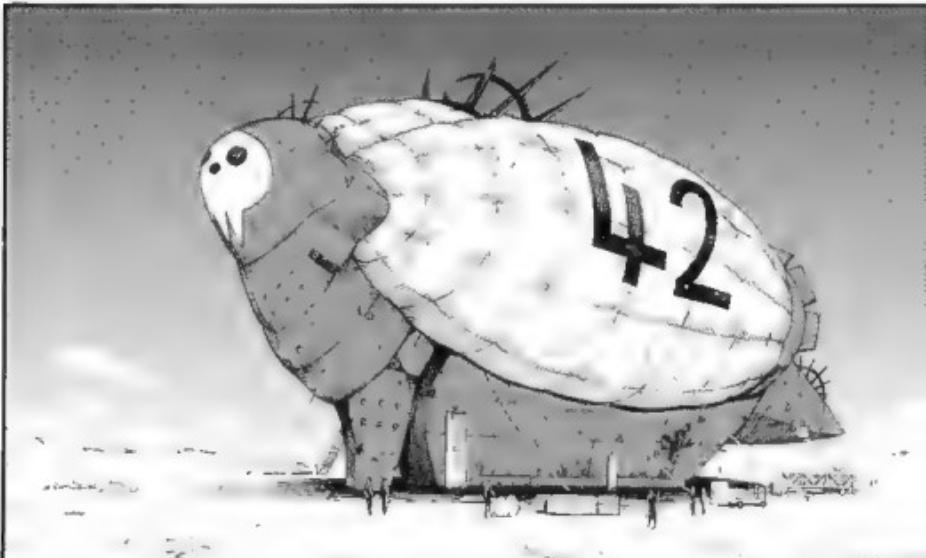




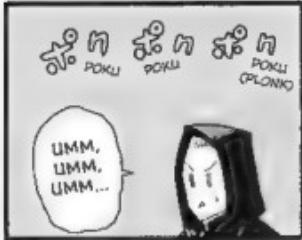












...BUT THIS... I MEAN, THIS IS A WORLDWIDE THREAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. YOU CAN'T BE ESCORTING THE ENEMY AROUND AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

AS MEMBERS OF DWMA-CIA, WE'VE BEEN KINDA HALF-ASSED THUS FAR...



YOU'RE RIGHT. WE HAVE NO EX-CUSE...



NOW, THESE TWO ARE OUR ENEMIES... BUT RATHER THAN WORRY ABOUT THE DOWNSIDE OF THE POTENTIAL FOR THEM TO SABOTAGE OUR OPERATION...

...WE SHOULD CONSIDER THE UPSIDE OF BEING ABLE TO USE THEM AS DECOYS WHEN THE KISHIN HAS SPOTTED US...

XII  
KIRI  
(POSE)

WHICH MEANS THAT THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE KISHIN, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT HE'LL DETECT US, WHICH MAKES SNEAKING AROUND POINTLESS...

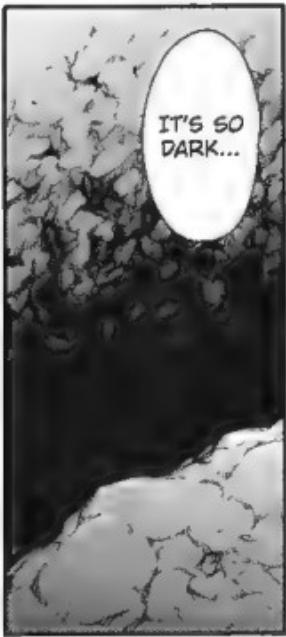
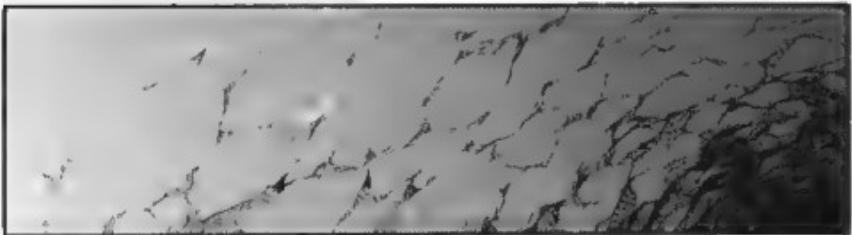
DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKELY THAT HE'D HAVE A HIGHER SOUL SENSING ABILITY, GIVEN THAT HE'D BE PARANOIC ABOUT THREATS?

I'VE HEARD THAT ASURA THE KISHIN WAS ORIGINALLY A WEAK-WILLED MEISTER...



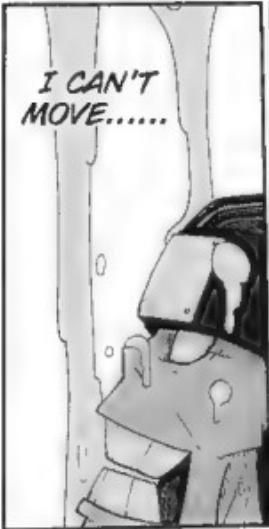
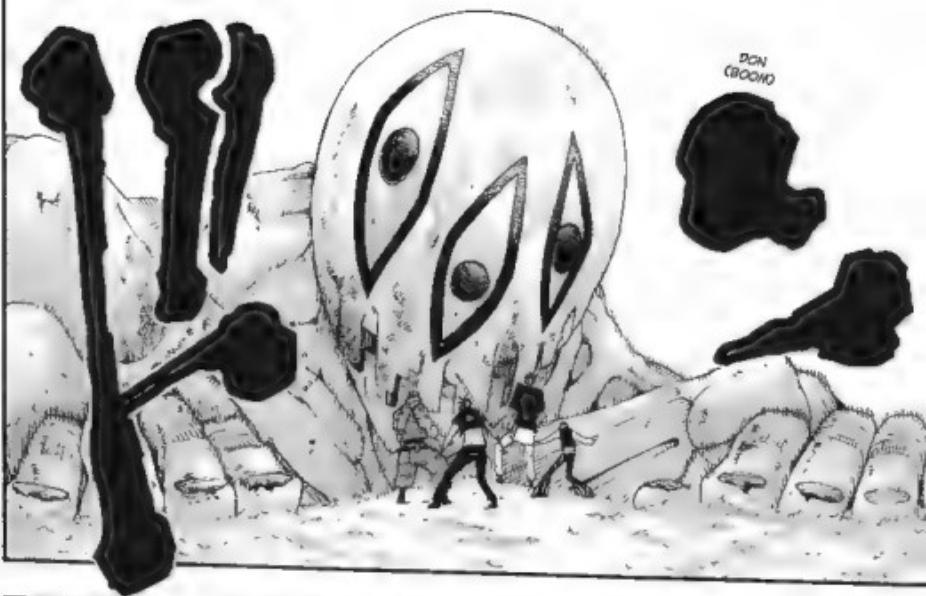
CLAY,  
THAT'S A  
LITTLE TOO  
COMPLICATED  
TO GET INTO  
AT THIS  
POINT...

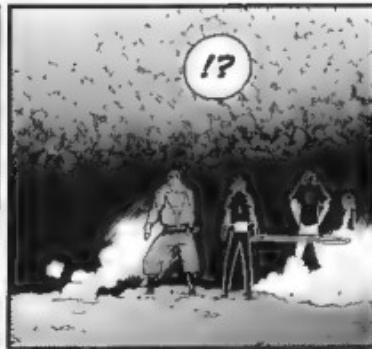






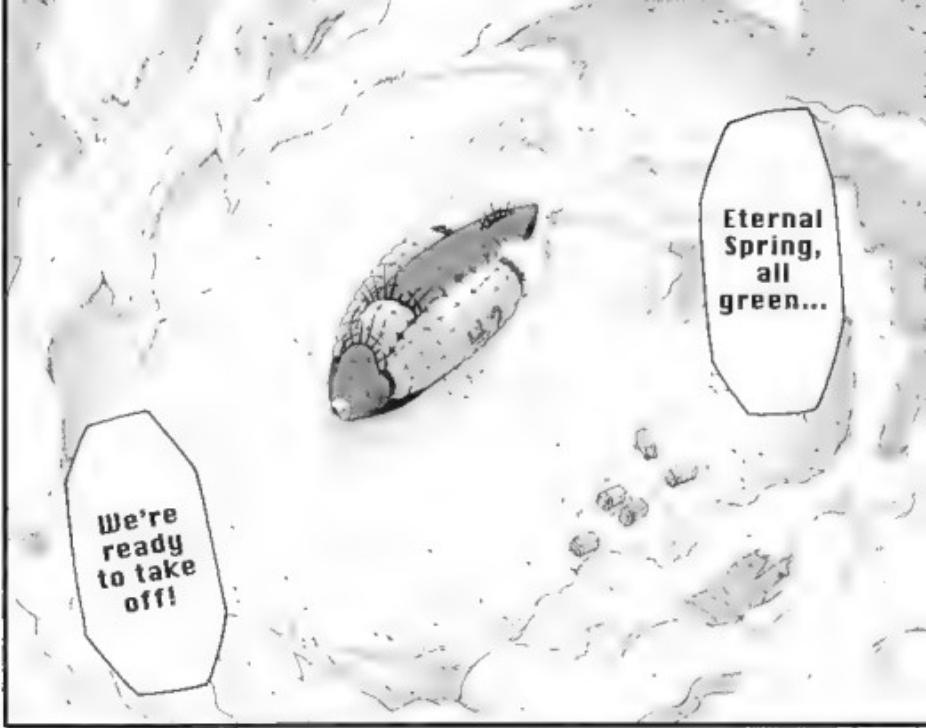






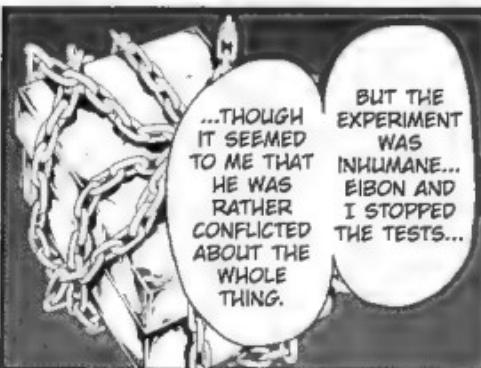
SFX: SHIBABABA (SPSHHH)















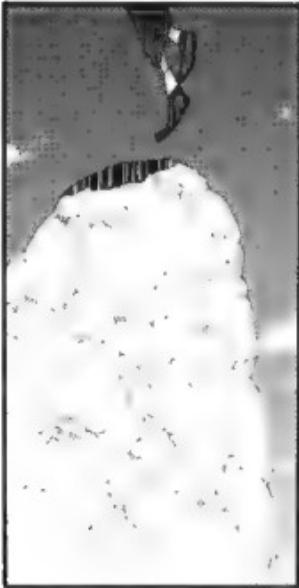
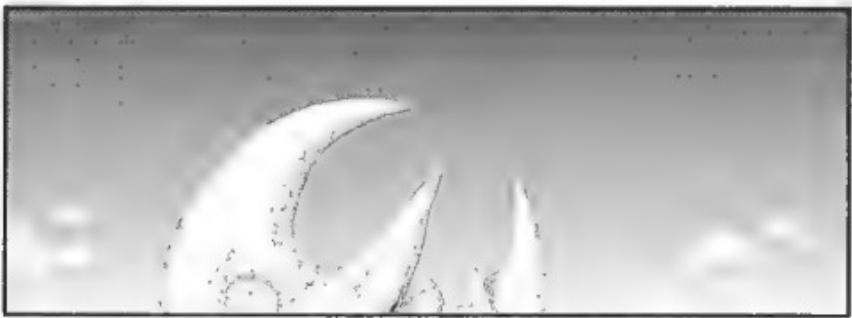


...AND  
I MUST  
EVOLVE  
WITH IT!

ORDER IS  
ATTEMPT-  
ING TO  
EVOLVE...



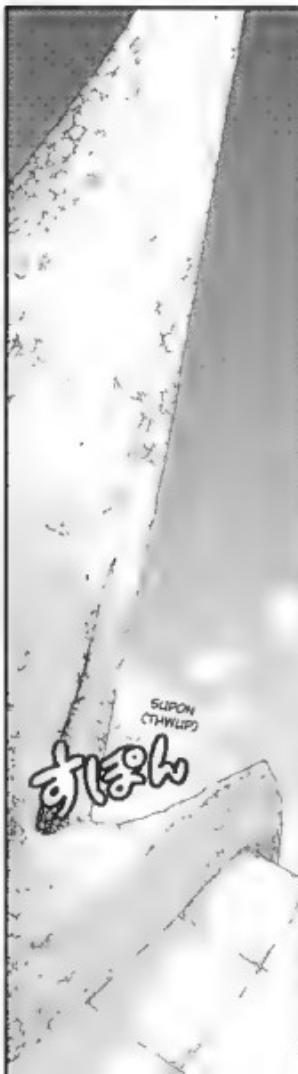
KYA-HA-HA!





**SO THE  
KISHIN IS  
BELOW...**







МЧАН-СНОВ!





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# CHAPTER 100: TO THE MOON



# 100

CHAPTERS

CELEBRATION EVENT!!!

↑ CONTEST RESULTS START ON THE NEXT PAGE!

SOULEATER POPULARITY CONTEST

DEATH THE KID  
TWO-TIME CHAMPION!!

popularity contest! (Answers collected from the March through June issues.) Kid brought home the gold, just as he did in the first poll in July 2007! We're running the results here for the sake of those who missed it in the magazine!

# POPULARITY CONTEST RESULTS!!

I APPRE-CIATE YOUR SUP-SUPPORT!!

BUT I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO BE 3RD, CONSIDERING THE SYMMETRY AND ALL...

1<sup>ST</sup>

DEATH THE KID

3<sup>RD</sup>

SOUL EATER

....I GUESS THIS AIN'T BAD. THANKS FOR YOUR VOTES!!

2<sup>ND</sup>

MAKA ALBARN

I LOST TO KID, BUT SECOND PLACE ISN'T TOO SHABBY! THANKS FOR VOTING FOR ME!



SOUL  
EATER

# CHARACTER



COULDN'T  
FEAT KID-KUN,  
BUT AT LEAST I  
BEAT MY  
SISTER! D

12<sup>TH</sup> ★  
PATTY THOMPSON

I GIVE THANKS  
TO GOD AND MY  
FANS.

11<sup>TH</sup>  
JUSTIN LAW

14<sup>TH</sup> ★ MARIE MJOLNIR

I WONDER  
IF ONE OF  
YOU VOTERS  
IS DESTINED  
TO BE MY  
HUSBAND...?

13<sup>TH</sup> ★  
KIM DIEHL

AM I  
ALLOWED TO  
RANK THIS  
HIGH AS  
A WITCH?  
TH-THANK  
YOU...!!

20<sup>TH</sup> KISHIN

THESE  
WERE  
20TH OR  
LOWER!

21<sup>ST</sup> HARVAR

22<sup>ND</sup> OX

MIFUNE  
JACQUELINE  
POT OF THUNDER  
GOPHER

THANKS FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!  
KEEP IT COMING!

16<sup>TH</sup> ★ DEATH SCYTHE

THIS IS  
NO ORDINARY  
RANK! IT'S A  
LEGENDARY  
RANK!

18<sup>TH</sup> ★ HERO

CROWN'S HIGHER  
THAN I MEET! I'M GONNA  
PICK ON HIAN SO BAD!!

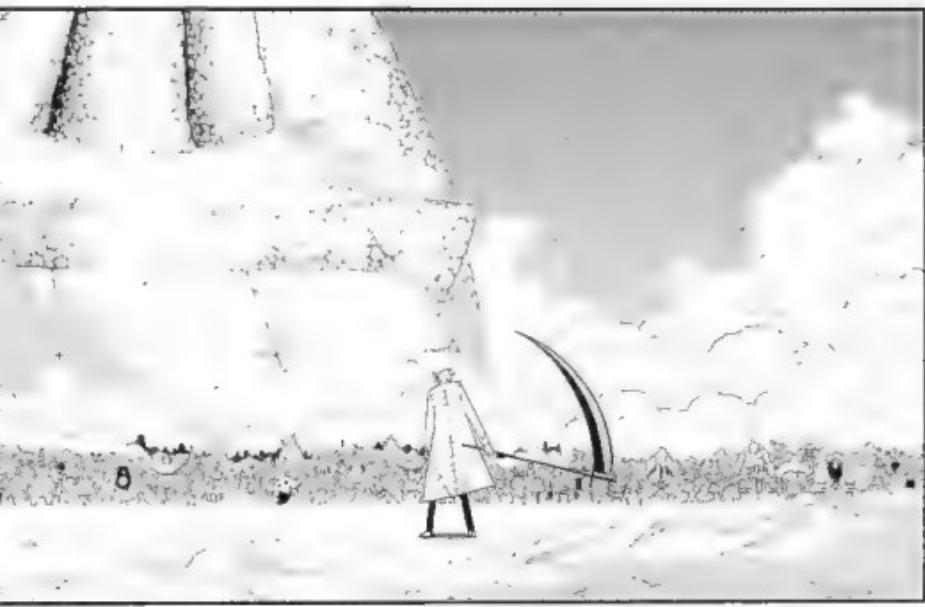
15<sup>TH</sup> ★ LIZ THOMPSON

MY SISTER  
GOT TWELFTH!  
ISN'T THAT  
AMAZING...?!

17<sup>TH</sup> ★ BLAIR

I WANT TO INVITE  
ALL OF MY VOTERS TO  
CHUPA CAPRA'S!

19<sup>TH</sup> ★ RAGNAROK



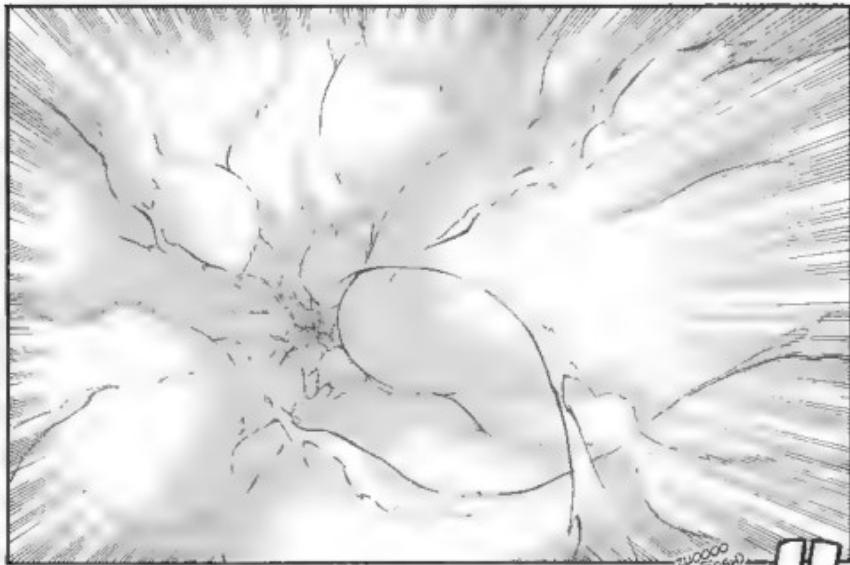




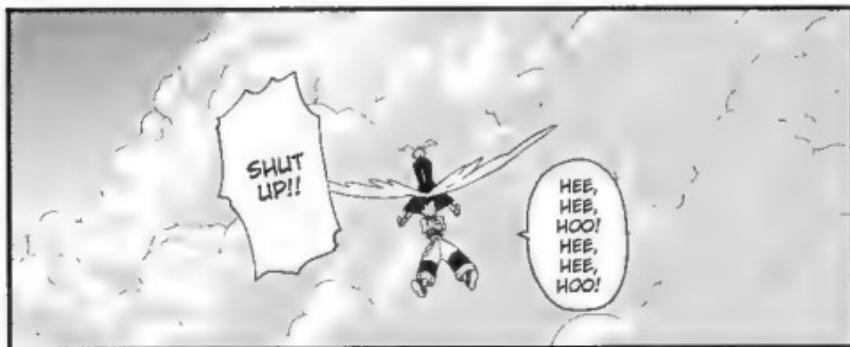




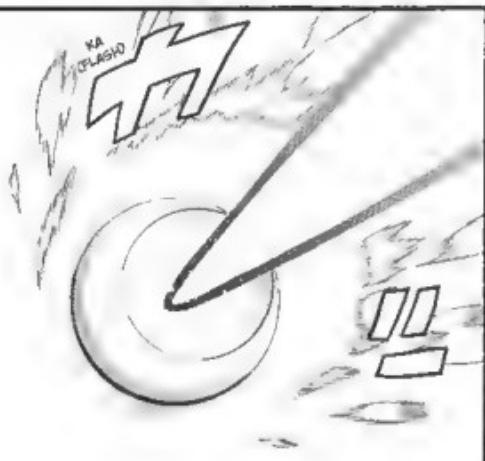










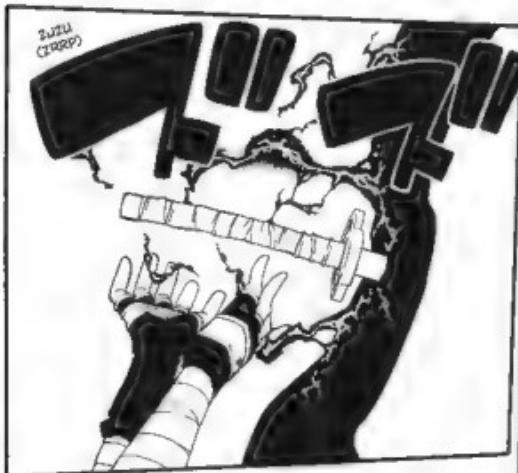










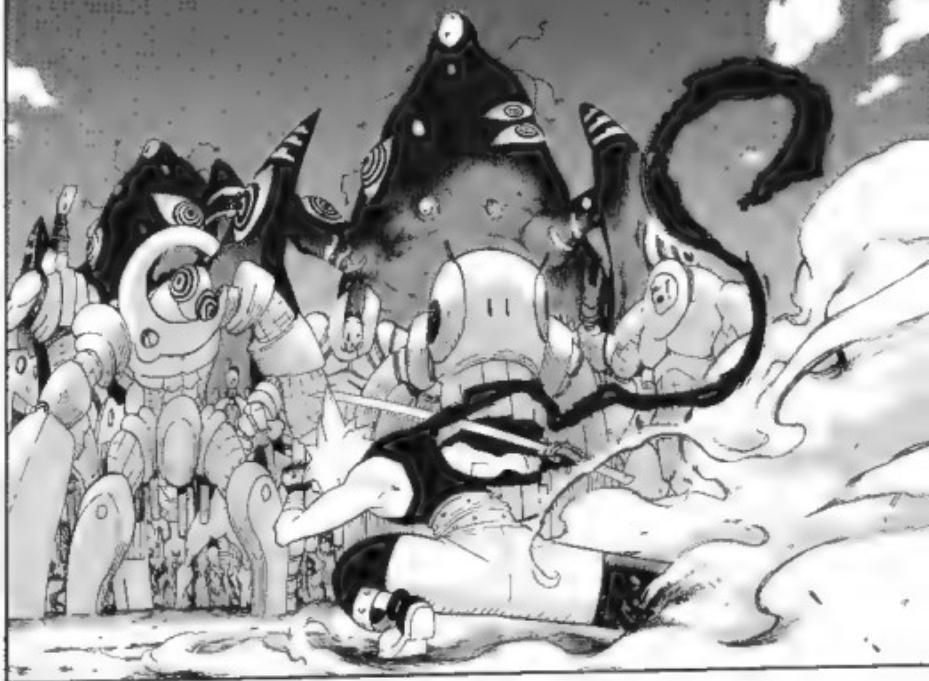


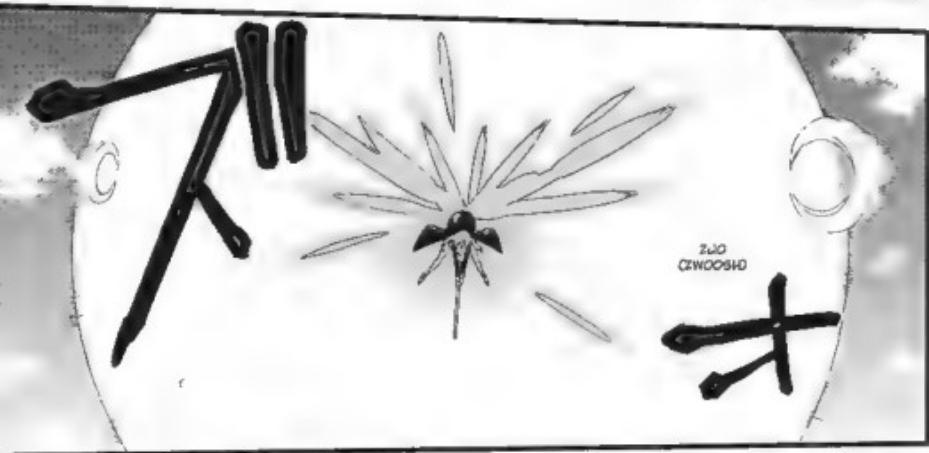
**IT'S  
BECAUSE  
I'M A  
SUPER-  
STAR  
BEYOND  
ANY  
HUMAN  
UNDER-  
STAND-  
ING!!!**



**IT  
MUST BE  
BLACK★  
STAR!!**

**THAT  
WAVE-  
LENGTH  
!!**



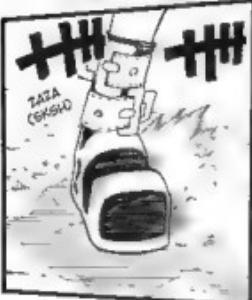








IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT YOU HAVE REINFORCEMENTS— THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU!!





MAKA!!



TO THINK  
THE DAY  
WOULD  
COME THAT  
I'D BE  
SAVED BY A  
STUDENT...



I HEARD WHAT  
HAPPENED.  
FOR THE SAKE  
OF DWMA...  
AND THE SAKE  
OF THE WORLD,  
YOU STAYED  
BEHIND AS  
A REAR-  
GUARD...

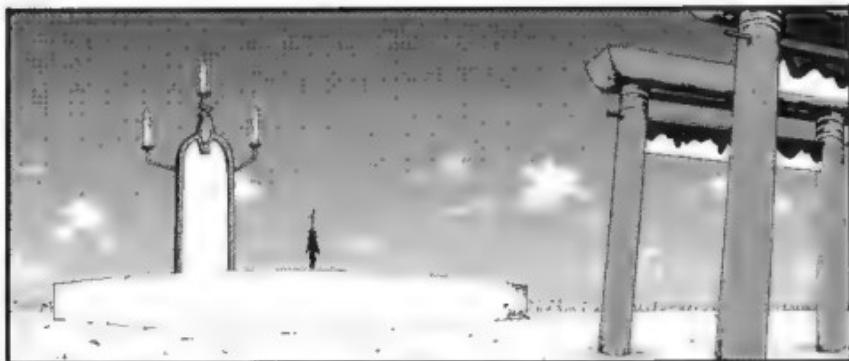
YOUR  
SERVICE  
IS  
APPRECI-  
ATED!!!





I'LL  
FIGHT  
TOO.





IT'S ESPECIALLY HARD NOW, KNOWING THAT THE WITCHES, OUR ENEMIES, HOLD THE KEY TO WINNING THE WAR OF THE MOON.



...CANNOT LEAVE DWMA... IT PAINS ME THAT THIS BODY...

I WONDER IF THE THOUGHT OF HELPING DWMA... MIGHT BE AN OPTION EVEN WORSE THAN DEATH IN THEIR EYES...



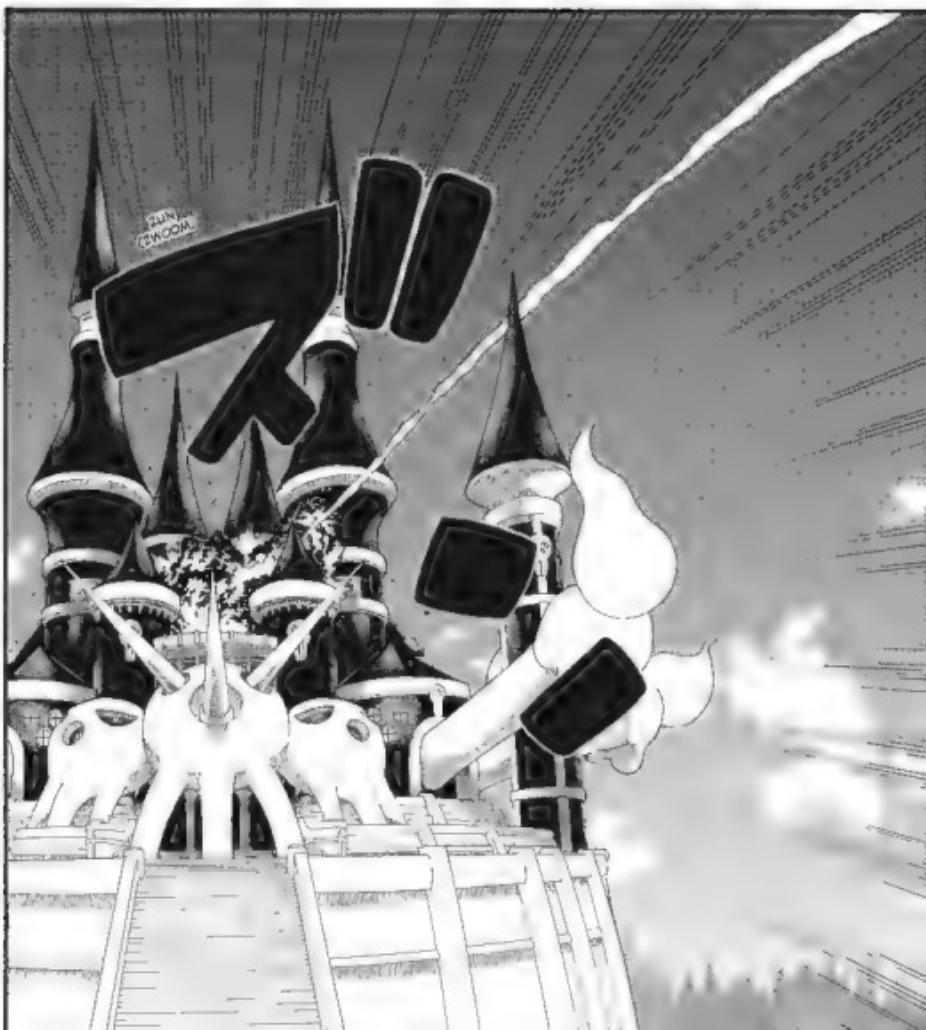
BUT...EVEN IF BOTH PARTIES WANT TO FIGHT A CAUSE THAT THREATENS THE WHOLE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT, THEY WON'T FORGET THEIR HATRED...

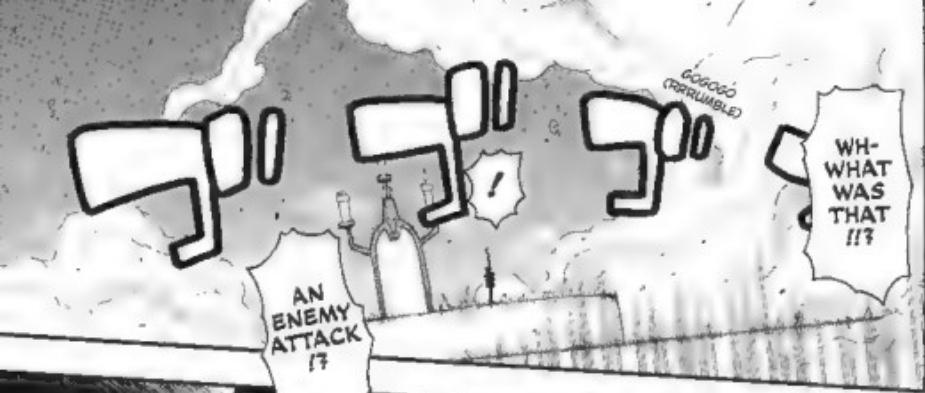
DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL COME...?

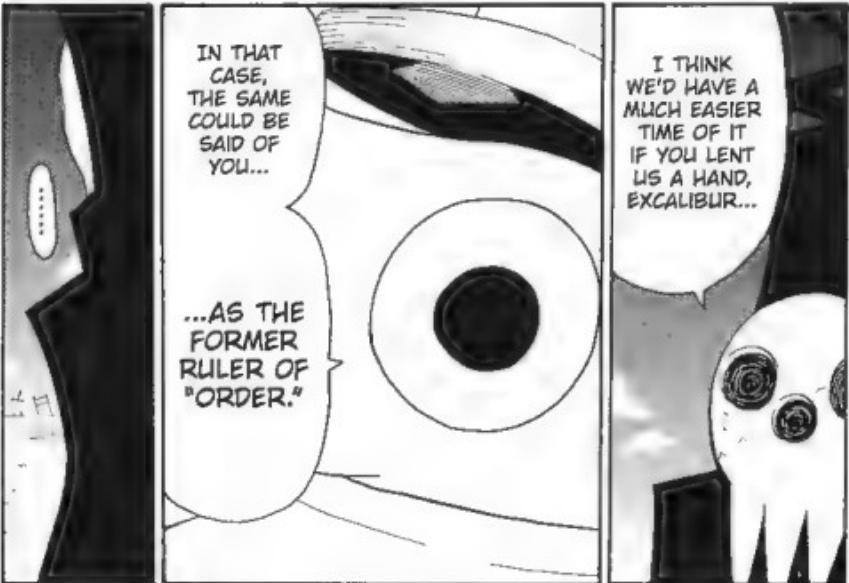
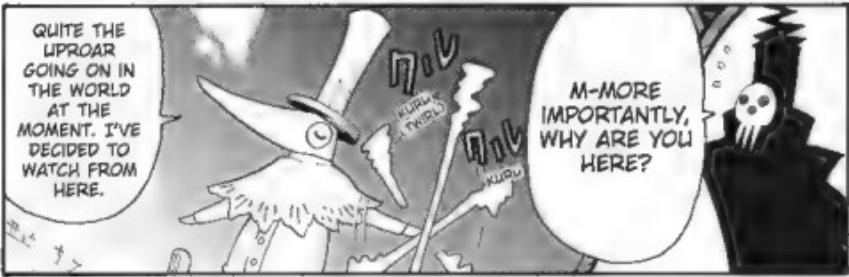
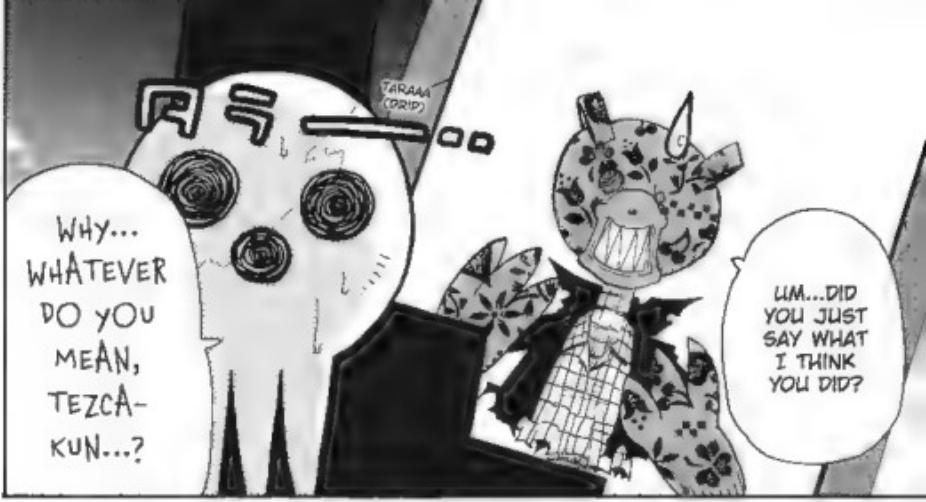
OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO TRUST THEM.

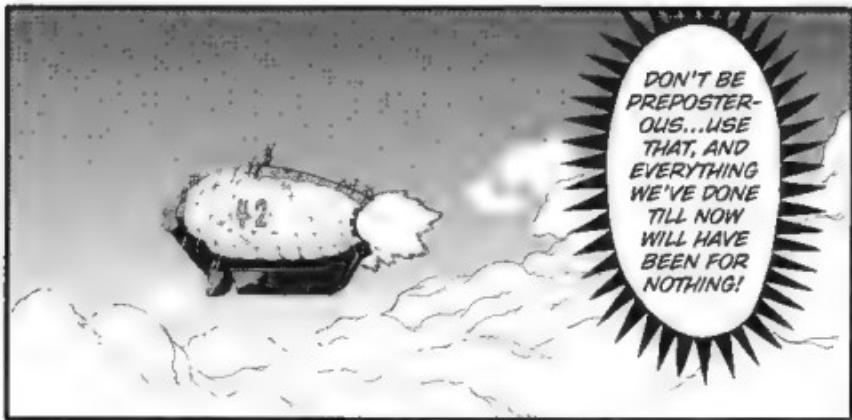
THAT ISN'T FOR US TO DECIDE.

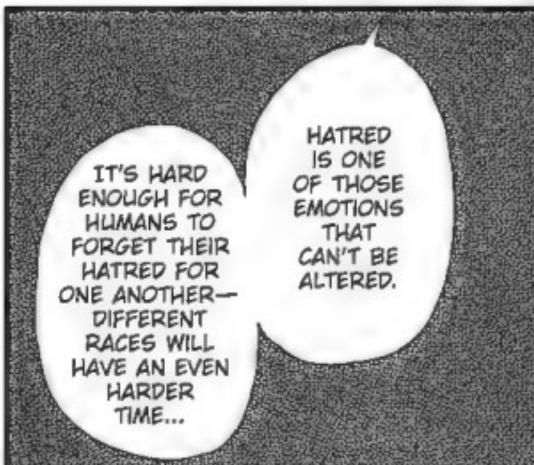
TEZCA-KUN! HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? IF WE DON'T TRUST THE WITCHES, WHY WOULD THEY BOther TO COME FOR US?











BUT YOU'RE  
TOO YOUNG  
TO UNDER-  
STAND, KID.

I'M NOT  
SAYING THAT  
HOLDING  
ONTO AN  
IDEAL IS A  
BAD THING.

IF BEING AN  
ADULT MEANS  
STAMPING OUT  
IDEALS BECAUSE  
EXPERIENCE SAYS  
THEY HAVE NO  
FUTURE...

YOU MUST  
MAKE THE  
EFFORT TO  
REALIZE  
THEM.

BUT  
MERELY  
HOLDING  
IDEALS  
MEANS  
NOTHING.

YOU  
MIGHT  
THINK  
THIS  
NAIVE  
OF ME.

...THEN YOU  
CAN KEEP  
CALLING ME  
"KID"!!

BUT IT'S  
ALL RIGHT!!  
THE SHIP  
WILL NOT  
GO DOWN IN  
FLAMES!!

I KNOW,  
AZUSA-SAN.  
YOU'RE  
VERY KIND-  
HEARTED.

I'M JUST  
CONCERNED  
FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
THE SHIP'S  
CREW...

!!

WE'RE SO  
FULLA HOLES  
AFTER THE  
LAST FLIGHT,  
THERE'S  
NOTHING LEFT  
FOR THEM  
TO HIT!

BETTER  
BELIEVE  
IT!!

BWA-  
HA-HA-  
HA!

GEN-SAN  
AND HIS  
ENGINEERING  
TEAM BUILT  
THIS SHIP!  
IT WON'T  
TAKE A SINGLE  
BULLET!!

I TRUST  
THE SHIP'S  
PILOTS!! I  
TRUST ITS  
OPERATORS  
AND CREW!!

SO I  
ASK YOU  
AGAIN:  
WILL YOU  
COME  
WITH  
ME!?

THIRTY-SIX  
OF OUR  
BEST AND  
BRIGHTEST  
CAME BACK  
TO THIS  
SHIP...

SPX: GU CCLENCHO

IF A  
SINGLE  
MEMBER OF  
THIS CREW  
IS AGAINST  
IT, I'LL CALL  
OFF THE  
ATTACK.





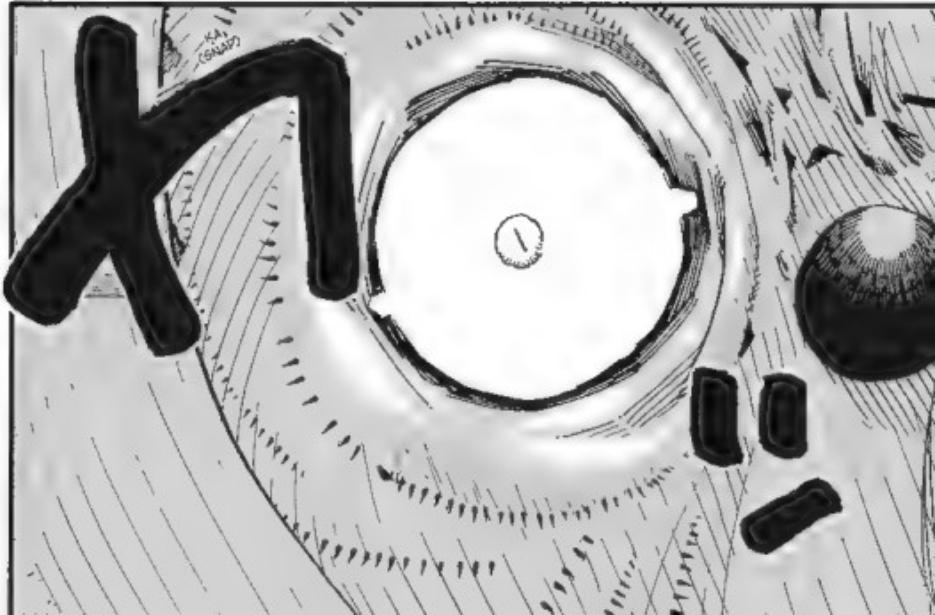
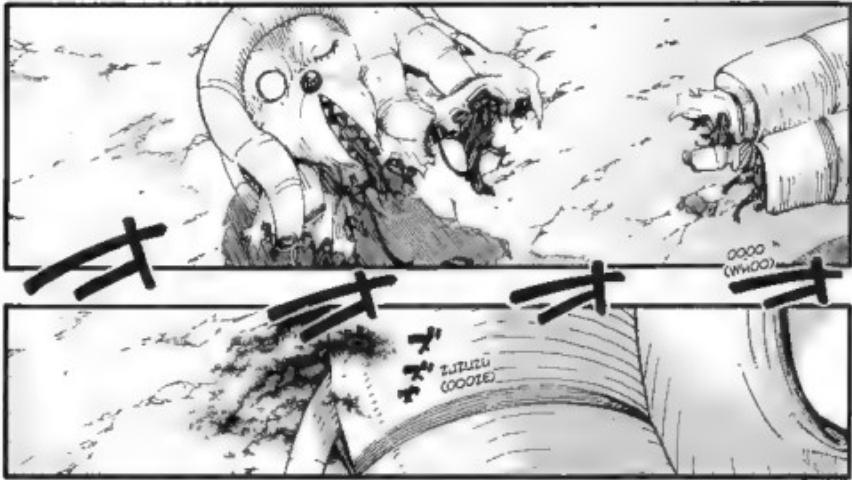
# SOUL EATER



UNLESS WE  
SHUT OFF THE  
PIPELINE...THE  
NIGHTMARE OF  
THE CLOWNS  
WILL CONTINUE  
FOREVER.

MADNESS  
SEEPS OUT  
FROM THE  
DEPTHES OF  
THE MOON...

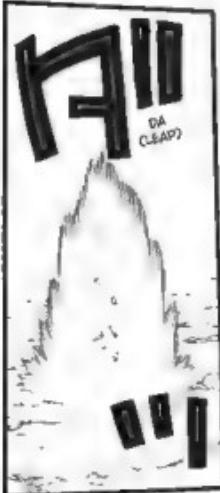
THE  
WITCHES  
WILL COME  
TO THE  
MOON!!





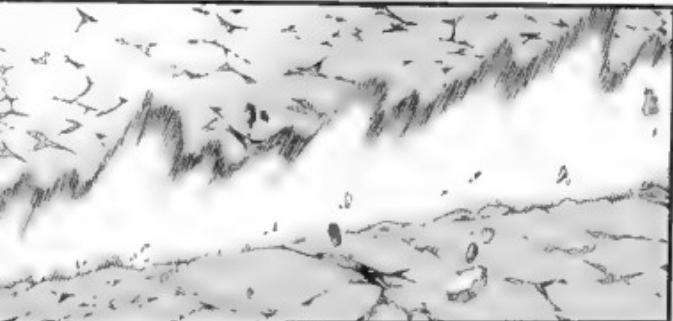
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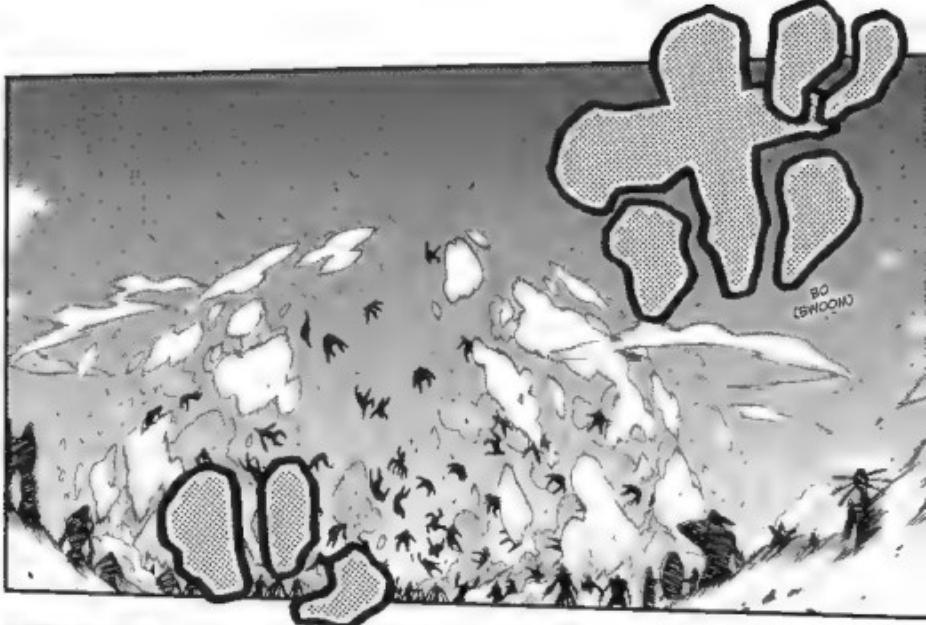
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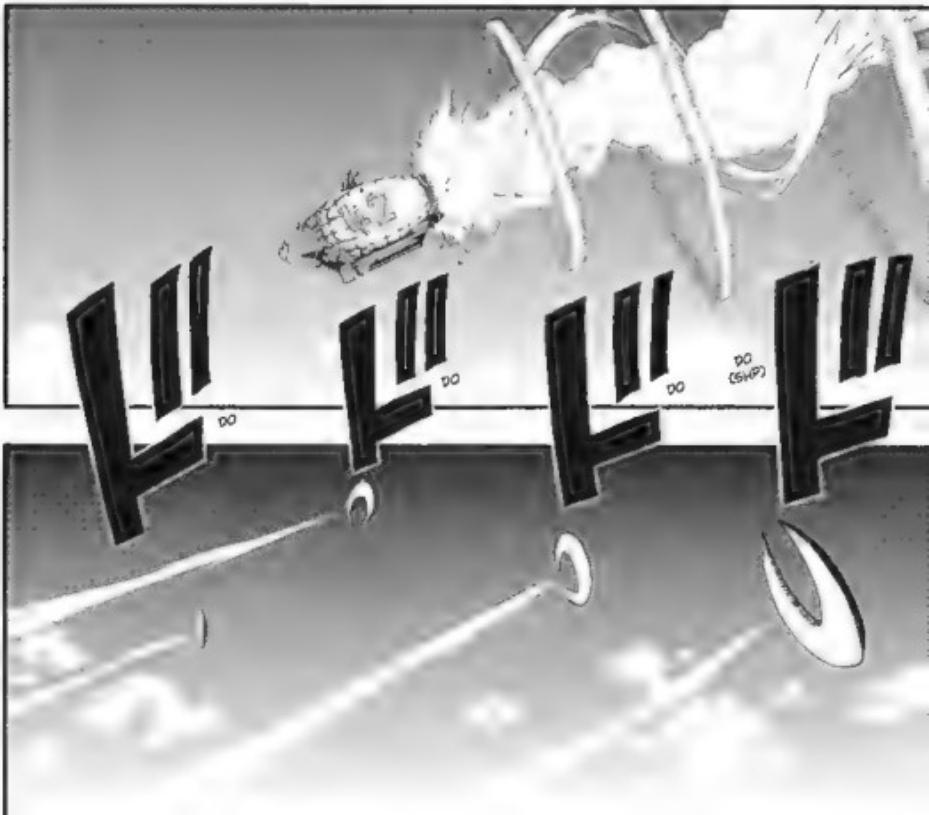


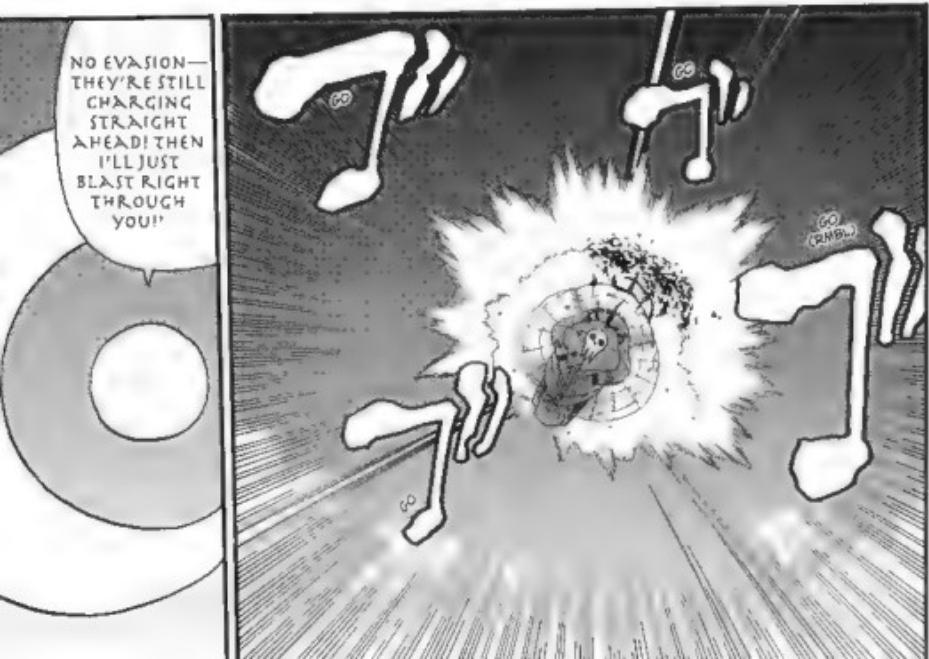




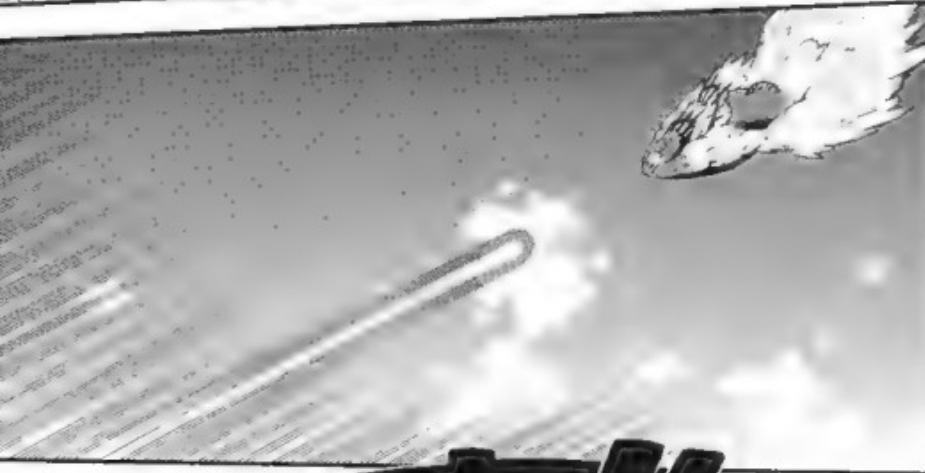
















**NO!! I  
BELIEVE  
IN  
THEM!!**





NYAMU.



MABA-DONO!!







WE'RE  
GOING  
DOWN!!

HEY,  
HEY!  
NOW IS  
NOT THE  
TIME  
FOR  
CELE-  
BRATING!

AAAAAAH!!

ZUN  
BROOM

GARAN  
OKUNICO

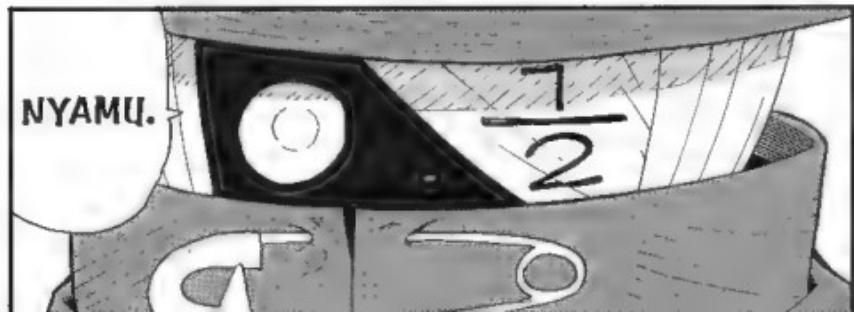
GO GO GO GO  
CRASH RUMBLE

DASHAN  
CRASH PHO



BOOOO  
(SWOOF)

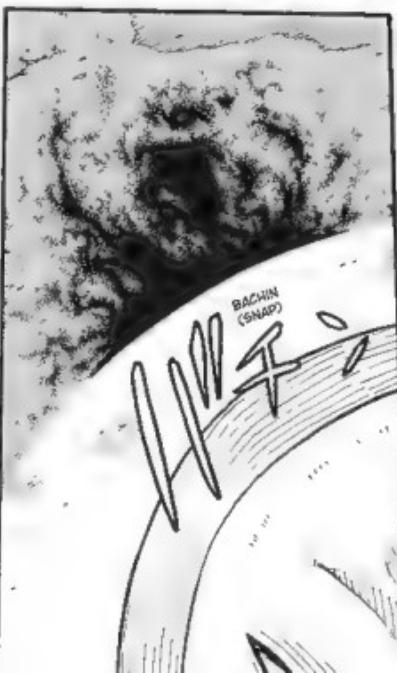










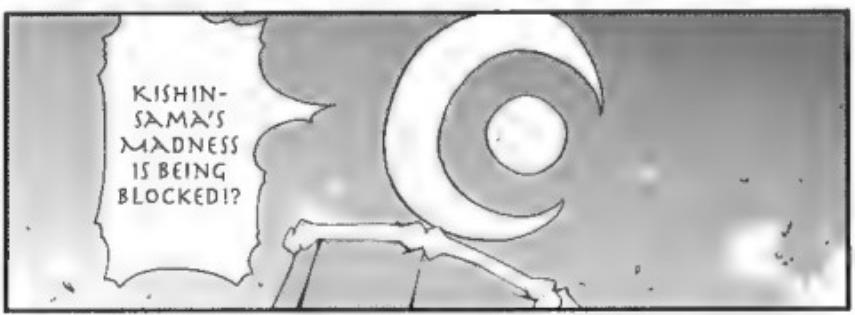




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GN-  
GUH-  
GAH!!



KISHIN-  
SAMA'S  
MADNESS  
IS BEING  
BLOCKED!?



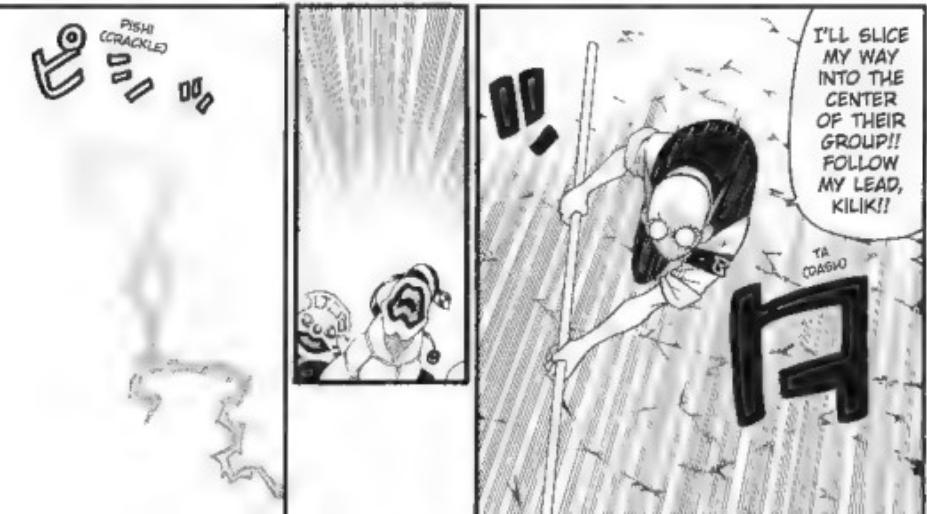
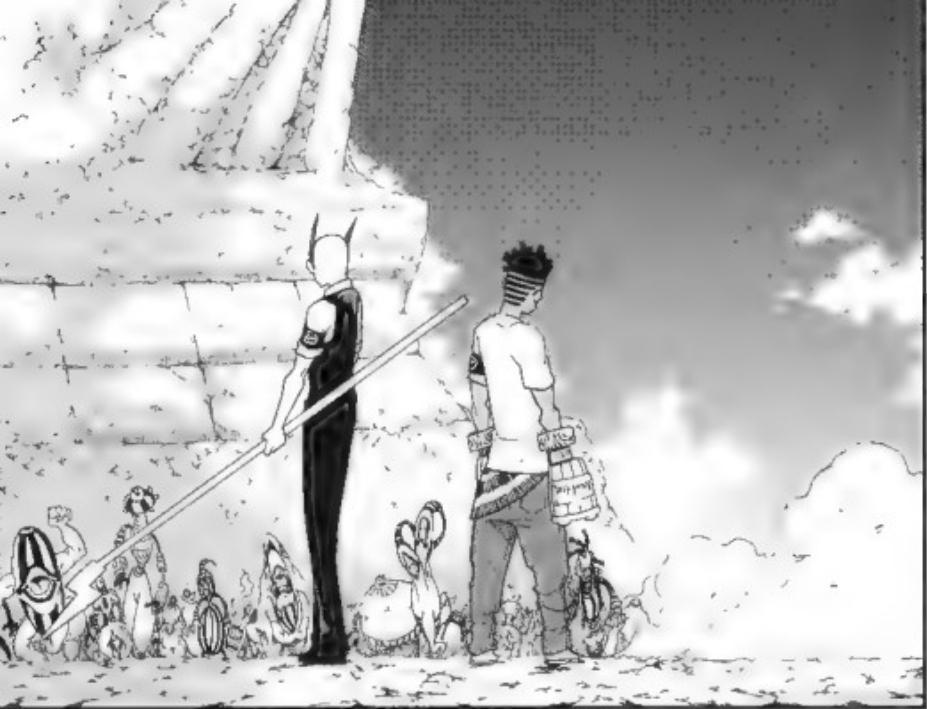
IT'S  
WORK-  
ING!!





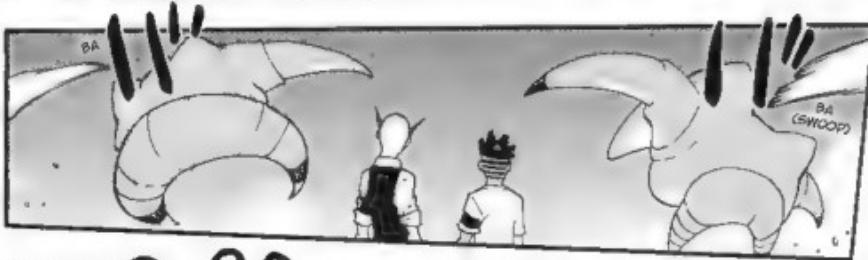
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CHAPTER 102: WAR ON THE MOON II (PART 2)









No  
FFFF

DECHIN  
(SHAGG)

KIM!

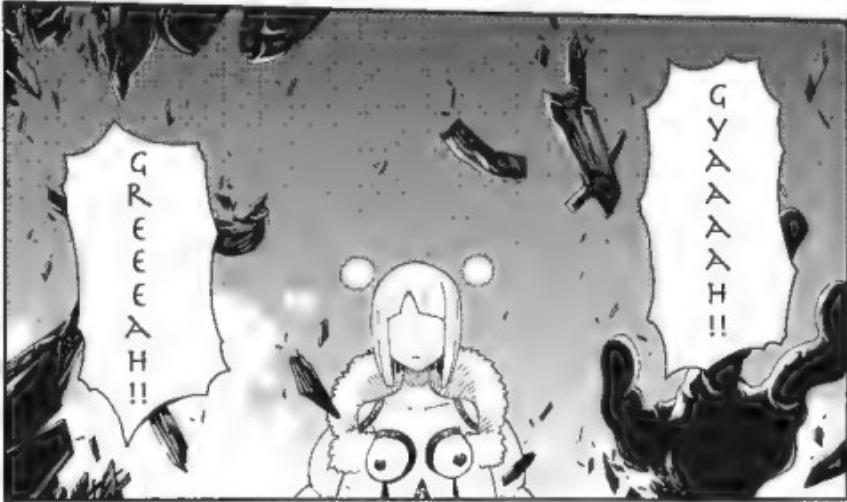


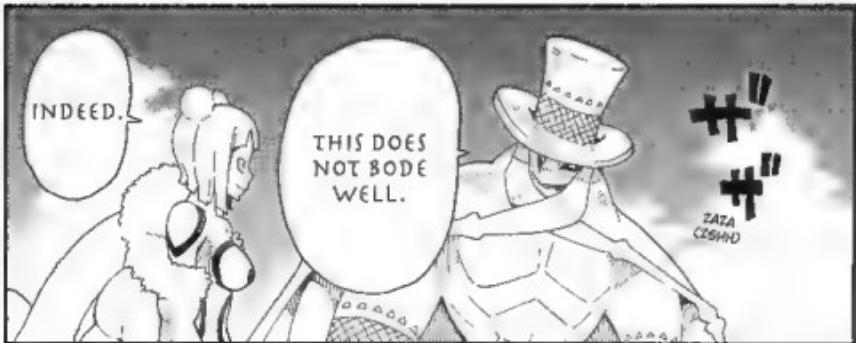
IT  
WAS  
JUST...  
A SIGN  
OF MY  
WILL...

WHY DID YOU  
SHAVE YOUR HEAD  
AGAIN!? EVEN IF I  
COULD SOMEHOW  
BE PERSUDED TO  
TOLERATE THOSE  
STUPID HORNS,  
I TOLD YOU TO AT  
LEAST LET THE  
TOP GROW OUT!!

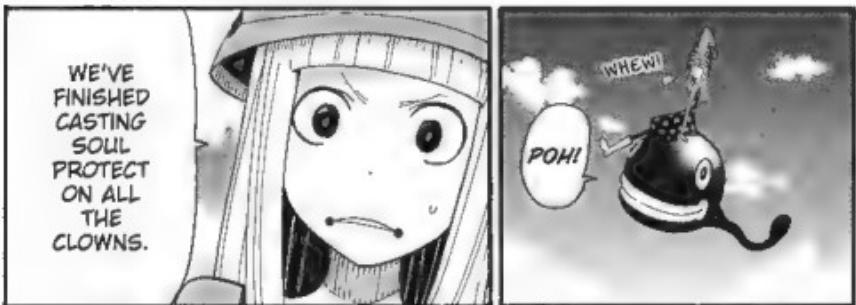
G  
R  
E  
E  
E  
A  
H  
!!

G  
Y  
A  
A  
A  
H  
!!

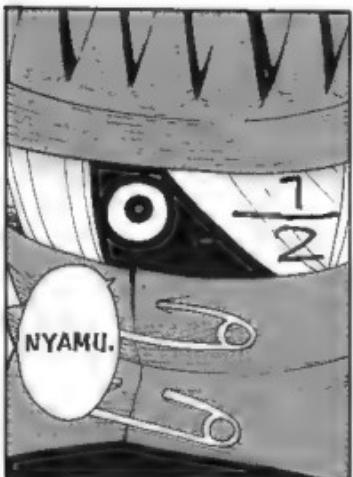




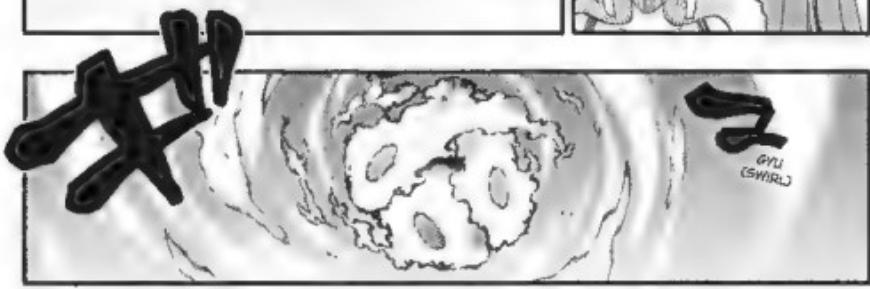
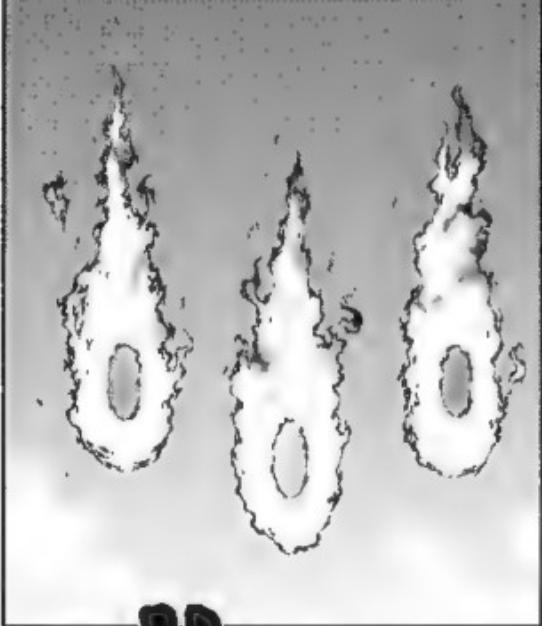
ZATA  
CZHHD



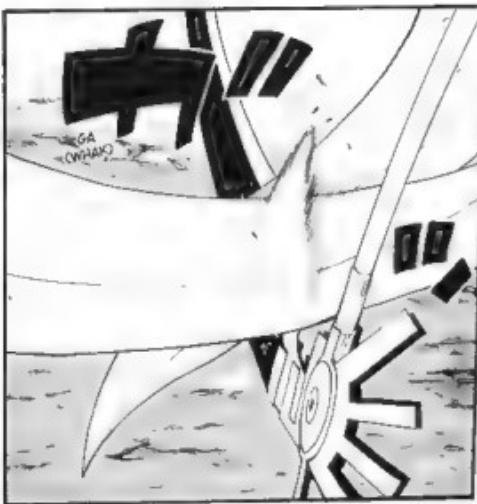
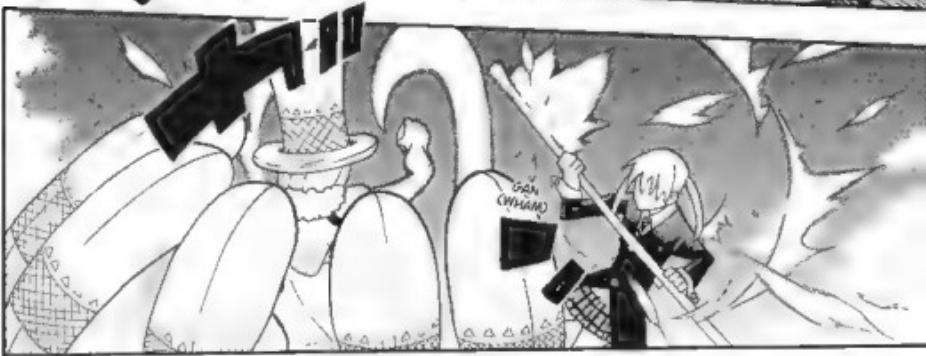


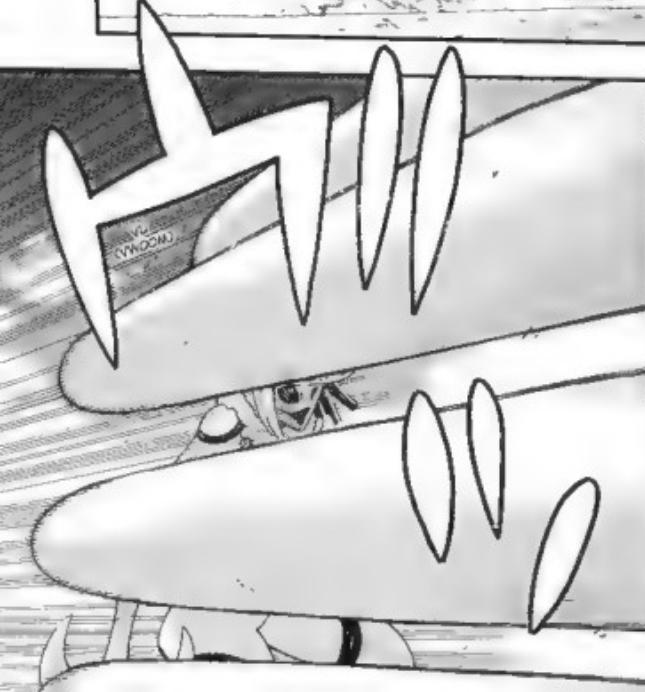


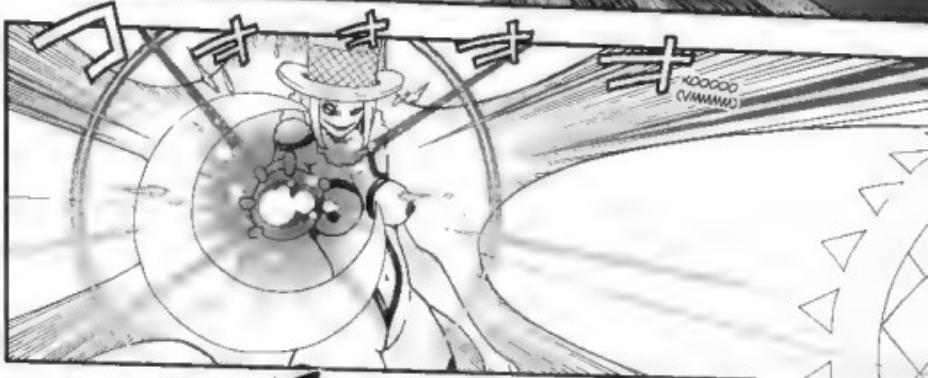












SHUNSHIN  
CHAWARERU



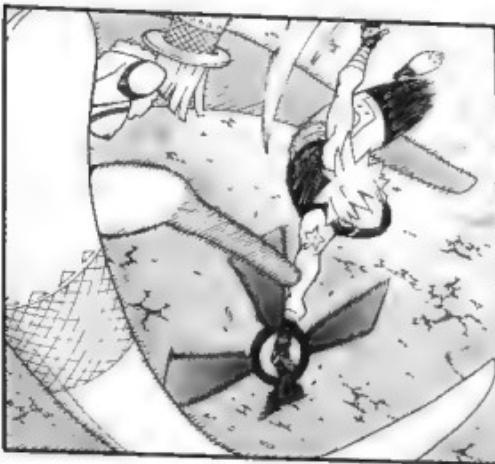
SHADOW  
STAR  
★  
SECOND  
FORM:  
MOONLIT  
LEAF!!

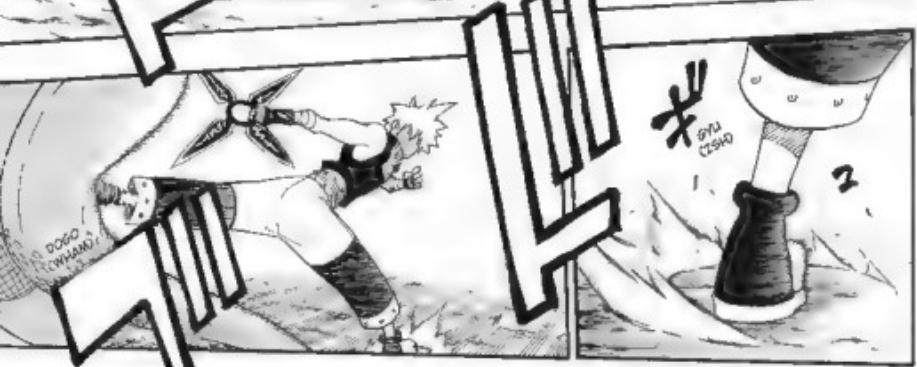


GONNA  
RAISE  
THE  
ROTA-  
TION  
SPEED,  
TSU-  
BAKI!!!

BUOOO  
OHKOOSH  
THAT  
WAS A  
CLOSE  
ONE!

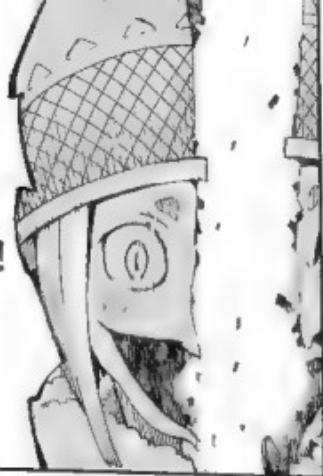








OPEN  
WIDE!



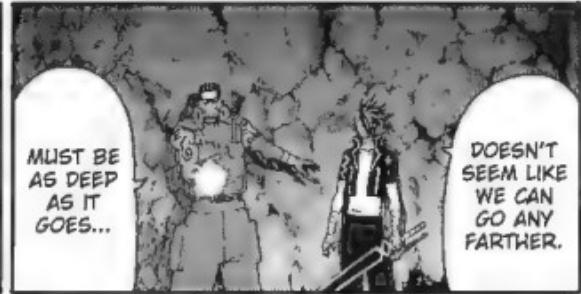
FOR-  
GIVE  
ME,  
KISHIN-  
SAMA-  
AAA!!



TUBA  
SUGO



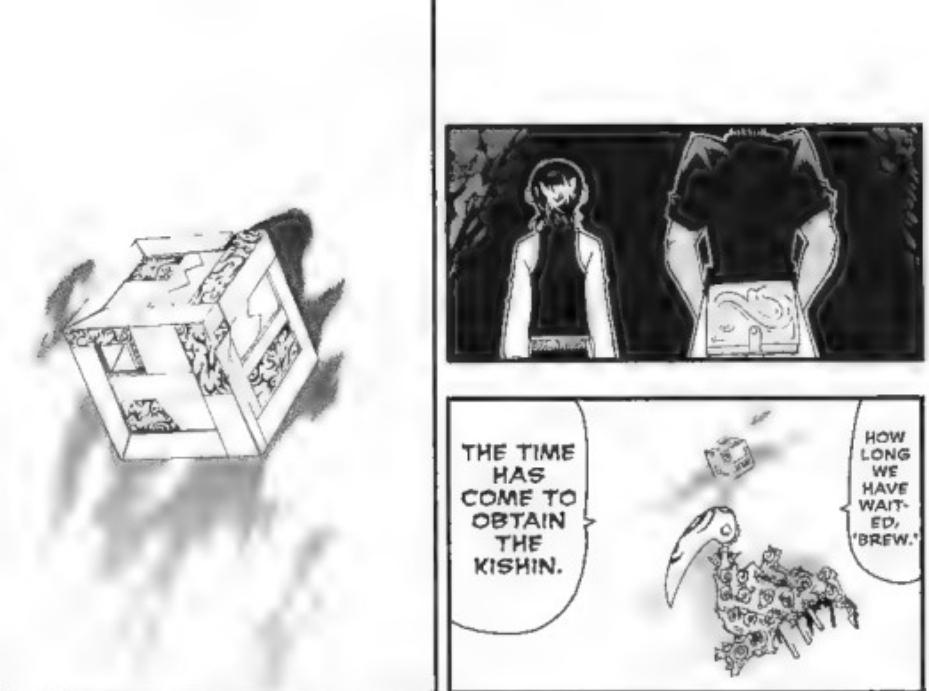




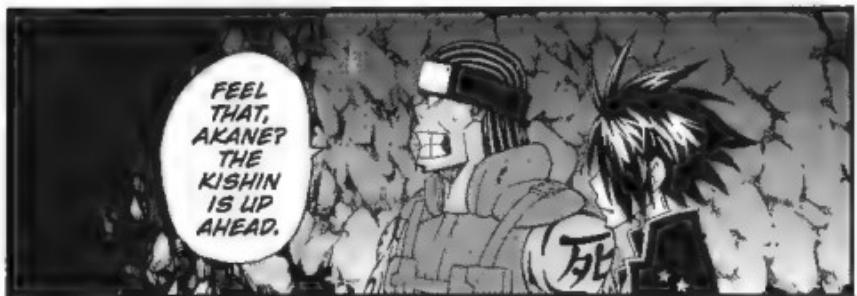
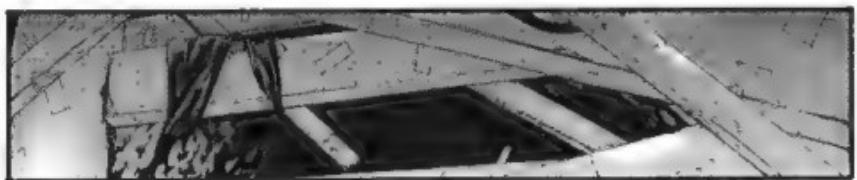
MUST BE  
AS DEEP  
AS IT  
GOES...

DOESN'T  
SEEM LIKE  
WE CAN  
GO ANY  
FARTHER.





HOW  
LONG  
WE  
HAVE  
WAIT-  
ED,  
'BREW.'





DOKIN  
GSA-SUNG















SO ORDER HAS BEGIN TO COME UNDONE, HAS IT...

THE CLOWNS HAVE BEEN WIPE OUT! ONLY ONE GOAL REMAINS:

SO YOU'VE FINALLY SHOWED YOURSELF...

HEH HEH.



ASURA THE KISHIN!! MYRIAD PLOTS AND DESIRES WEAVE AND INTERTWINE...

...BEFORE THE MADDEST AND BADDEST ENEMY EVER!!

A  
A  
A  
A  
H  
!!

AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S STRENGTHENED BY THE ASSIMILATION OF ALL OF YOUR INFORMATION!!



...SEEKING  
MAD-  
NESS...?

WHY  
DO YOU  
PROD  
AT ME...

**ASURA FINALLY APPEARS, WIELDING  
HIS FORMIDABLE MADNESS!!!!**

THE  
MADNESS  
IS AT THE  
BOTTOM...  
NOT  
HERE...

IT'S  
RIGHT  
THERE...

GUP  
(GAPE)



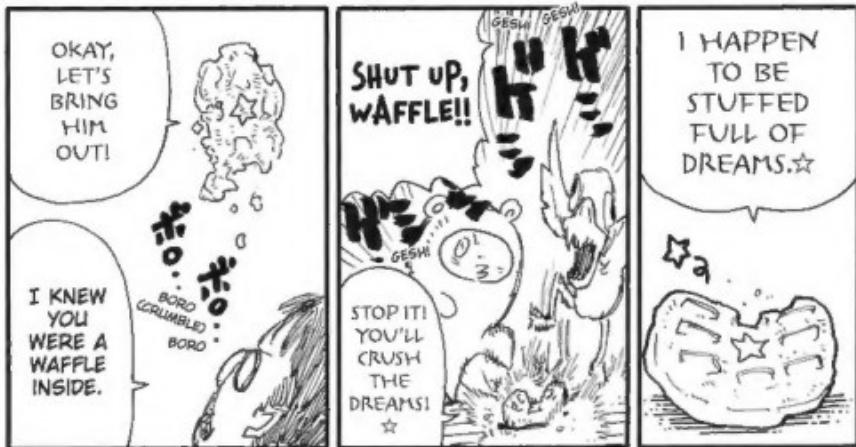
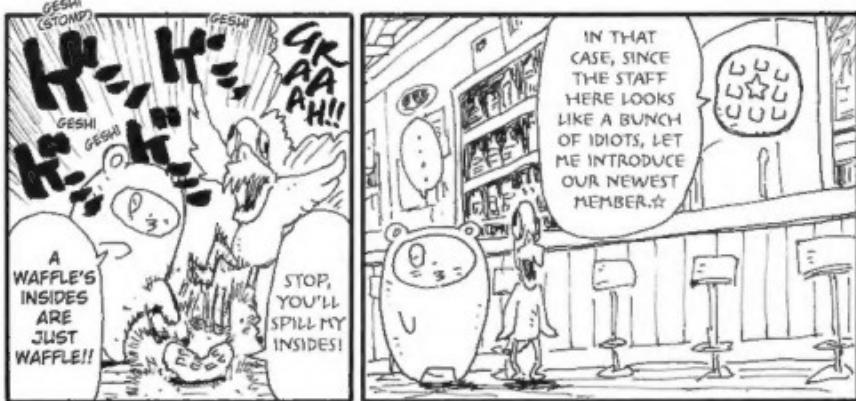
WHAT THE  
HELL'RE YOU  
TALKIN'  
ABOUT? SHUT  
THE FUCK UP!!

**A FOUR-SIDED BATTLE WITH THE  
KISHIN WILL FINALLY UNFOLD!!**

THE  
INSIDES...  
THE  
BOTTOM...  
IT WAS  
ORDER  
THAT  
BIRTHED  
ME...



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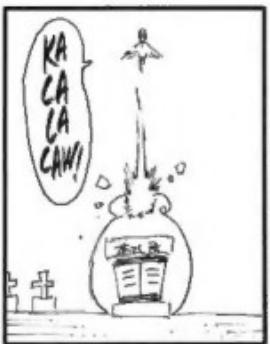




DON'T  
MESS  
WITH  
OUR  
BIRD!!!



SHIRT! TRAVEL



# Translation Notes

## Common Honorifics

**no honorific:** Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

**-san:** The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

**-sama:** Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

**-dono:** Like -sama, using -dono is an indication of respect for the addressee.

**-kun:** Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

**-chan:** An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

**-senpai:** A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

**-sensei:** A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

## Page 23

As in earlier volumes, the witch's chant, "*Joma Joma Wachi Suchi*," is Japanese written in reverse. Rearranged, the greeting spells, "Witches, Witches, Heya! 'Sup?'" (In Volume 3, the closing words of the witch mass, "*Joma Joma Dublahsa*," mean "Witches, Witches, Farewell!")

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Kilik's "AFX-T" attack is a reference to the legendary British electronic music artist, Aphex Twin.

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